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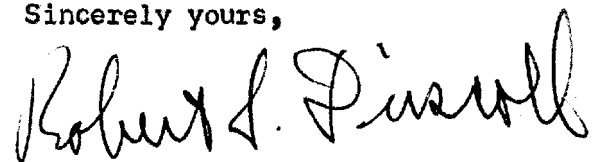
Dear Mr. Amory:

I just want to tell you how much I enjoyed meeting you and hearing you talk about the rate of growth of the Russian economy.

Amateur strategists should never interfere with a professional operation. While you were sitting next to me during the morning session, I wrote down on a piece of paper a question which seemed to grow in importance as the day wore on and I heard more discussions on the subject of our position versus the Russian position. At the risk of being considered naive, I shall repeat it. The question was: Why shouldn't a basic tenet of our policy be to force the Soviet into a position where they must move to satisfy their own consumers?

My very best wishes are with you and the important assignment which you have undertaken.

Sincerely yours,



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